

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, January 13, 1966

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hugo Lundberg at 4:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Lundberg, Goodman, Frankel, Lett, Darling, Cutler, Faiver—7.

Absent: Gannon, Lyons, Davenport, Dunning, Haruska—5.

The minutes of the December 9, 1965 meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS

The petitions were read—4 written petitions and 2 informal petitions.

WRITTEN PETITIONS

1—Travel agency discriminates against 2 women who had signed up for Rose Bowl Tour—Referred to Civil Rights Commission.

1—Alleged discriminatory treatment to a 16 year old by a member of Local Police Department.

1—Alleged brutality complaint concerning a "drunk" arrest.

1—Alleged unequal treatment or opportunity for employment.

INFORMAL PETITIONS

1—Referral from visiting teacher on family forced to endure substandard living conditions.

1—Referral from a neighbor that a lady was very ill and an agency had failed to respond to her need.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A letter was received from the Haslett High School National Honor Society thanking the Director for a speech he gave, and the skit given by the Junior Human Relations Committee on December 10, 1965.

2. Received a letter from the Flint Human Relations Commission commending our Human Relations Week project.

3. A letter was received from the Grand Rapids Human Relations Director regarding his resignation to take another position.

4. A letter was received from the Bay City Human Relations Commission commending our Human Relations Week project.

5. Received a letter from the Michigan State Police confirming the Director's talk to the Troopers School on January 5, 1966.

6. A letter was received from the Director of Vocational Education at Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor asking the Director to participate in a Law Enforcement Training Program on January 18, 1966.

7. Letter received from the Michigan Chapter of NAIRO announcing the meeting and luncheon in Detroit for all Human Relations Director's on January 17, 1966.

8. A letter was received from the Ann Arbor Human Relations Commission explaining the City Council's passage of the New Fair Housing Ordinance.

9. A letter was received from the Council of Community Relations on meeting for Michigan Week.

Referred to Chairman.

10. Received a letter from Community Service Council asking the Committee to send in nominations for the Greater Lansing Human Relations Award given annually by the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith. The nomination papers were given to the Director.

11. Letter from a Senior Citizen regarding those Senior Citizens being displaced by the I-496 highway.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was read and placed on file. It included various meetings he had attended and the various talks he gave during the month of December, 1965.

EMPLOYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

A suggestion was made that the Director continue with the employment survey.

HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE

The old problem still stands in finding houses for displaced people. In Rev. Faivers words, "The problem is steadily getting worse." This is due to people being displaced by the I-496 highway and families that are being forced to leave substandard homes because of stricter building and housing code enforcement. The new federal rent subsidy program was explained by Mr. William Mateer, Housing Director.

EDUCATION AND RECREATION SUB-COMMITTEE

It was requested that an agenda be established for the Education Committee and that a meeting be set up with the Board of Education sometime in the future.

RESEARCH AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Mrs. Betty Goodman vice-chairman presented to the Committee the 1966-67 budget which was voted on and unanimously approved by the Committee. Mrs. Goodman also presented the financial report for the Human Rights Week project December 5-10, 1965.

A meeting of the sub-committee with the Police and Fire Board will be at a date set up by the Police and Fire Board regarding the police brutality complaint that was filed on November 7, 1965.

A motion was made and the Committee voted and approved to hold some future Committee meetings outside of the City Hall in order to give the public a better opportunity to attend. It was agreed to use alternate months for the outside meetings which will be set up on a six months trail basis.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith will sponsor a dinner and program titled "Religious Brotherhood" on Wednesday, February 16, 1966 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kellogg Center. The program is open for all who wish to attend.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Prayer was offered by Rabbi Philip Frankel.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, February 10, 1966

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 7:55 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Kenneth Faiver.

ROLL CALL

Present: Lundberg, Goodman, Faiver, Davenport—4.

Absent: Cutler, Darling, Dunning, Frankel, Gannon, Haruska, Lett, Lyons—8.

Visitors—Representative from the League of Women Voters, Representatives from the Neighbor to Neighbor Committee, local school teachers, teachers from the Job Training Corps, ministers, Mr. Lawrence Shedd from the Highway Department, Mr. William Mateer, and Mr. Marcell Elliott.

The Minutes of the January 13, 1966 meeting were read and approved.

Petitions: Two petitions were read—1 written petition and 1 formal petition.

WRITTEN COMPLAINT

1. Regarding a Community College student being refused rental housing after obtaining address from school listing.

FORMAL COMPLAINT:

1. Regarding code violations it was found necessary to examine complaint of over crowded conditions in a home that had been recently condemned.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter was received from the Detroit Commission on Community Relations asking our support of their Community Action Conference.
2. Received a letter from the Unitarian-Universalist Church requesting the Committee's presence at their program "The

Exploring Cinema Society," on March 26, 1966. Two movies will be shown titled—"The Job" and "The Boy."

3. A letter was received from the "Y" committee and the J. C.'s asking the Committee to send representatives to the Saturday afternoon dances for teenagers.
4. Received a letter from the Detroit Commission on Community Relations regarding the notice of public hearings on the housing market.
5. Received a newsletter from Perry Katz regarding his assuming a new position in Houston, Texas after fifteen years with Community Services Council.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was read and has been placed on file. It included the various meetings he had attended, the talks he gave during the month of January, 1966. He also participated in the Michigan State Police In-Service Training course.

EMPLOYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Due to the fact that there were no members of the Sub-Committee present, the Director gave the following reports: The Sub-Committee met January 26, 1966 and discussed the unemployment situation. There is only 1% unemployed at this time. The Director reported also that there has been 18 of the employment survey sheets returned.

HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Report was given later in the meeting along with the open discussion with the public.

EDUCATION AND RECREATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bernice Davenport reported that they are still attempting to set up a meeting with the Board of Education.

RESEARCH AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Mrs. Betty Goodman, vice-chairman explained about a meeting they held on February 1, 1966 with the Police Personnel Board to discuss better Police Community relations and the In-Service training program for Police officers. Explained also were the types of F.H.A. properties to be available for open market.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing—

This meeting was held at the Lansing Church of God and Christ (the first in a series of meetings to be held outside the City Hall). There were approximately 50 people present at this meeting (members of families being displaced by the I-496 highway) to discuss with the Committee, their problems and complaints of being

unable to find homes in their price range and being unable to find homes in areas equal to the areas in which they are presently living. Demands were made by the residents to discontinue the highway construction until adequate housing is found for the displaced families, even if it would mean the possible loss of federal funds.

Mr. William Mateer—Housing Director, and Mr. Marcell Elliott from the relocation office were also present at the meeting. Mr. Mateer answered a number of questions asked him by the audience regarding available low-rent housing. After this had been reviewed and the highway department time table was given for razing homes along the corridor, many expressed their feelings as to the deadlines.

The Director stated due to industrial expansion and the people coming to Lansing to live from out State have complicated the problem of providing ample housing for people in the corridor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, December 14, 1965

Members present: Keith Norria, Howard Lutz, Carl Moore and Dean Battley—4.

Excused: E. J. Baker—1.

Inspectors: Donald E. Deal, Ray Dwyer and Dale Hoover—3.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Chairman Norris.

The minutes of the Special meeting of January 24th, 1966 were read and a motion made by Mr. Lutz, seconded by Mr. Battley, that the minutes be accepted as printed and passed.

The meeting was opened to old business. The board studied the proposed revisions to the electrical code.

John Kowatch requested an audience to request re-instatement of his Class M. J.

license. Mr. Kowatch reduced his classification to a Journeyman's license when he became the instructor of electrical apprentices for the State of Michigan. The board considered his past experience and the fact that he is a graduate electrical engineer.

Mr. Moore made a motion to re-instate the M. J. license, seconded by Mr. Lutz and passed.

The Board worked on new examinations for the Journeymen applicants.

Mr. Battley made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Moore and passed at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD E. DEAL,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, March 10, 1966

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hugo Lundberg at 4:05 P.M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. David Darling.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cutler, Darling, Dunnings, Davenport, Faiver, Goodman, Haruska, Lett, Lundberg—9.

Absent: Frankel, Gannon, Lyons—3.

Visitors: Rev. Manker Harris from the Lansing Area Council of Churches and a representative from the League of Women Voters.

A motion was made and approved to accept as printed the Minutes of the February 10, 1966 meeting.

Petitions: There were 4 complaints; 2 written complaints and 2 informal complaints all of which have been investigated.

Written Complaints:

- 1—Complaint regarding discriminatory practices in Real Estate.
- 1—Examination of unsatisfactory police reporting.

Informal Complaints:

- 2—Complaints of tension in a neighborhood in regards to members of minority groups moving in.
- 2—Complaints regarding rental evictions.

Communications

1. A letter was received from Mrs. Clara Kohls expressing her appreciation to the Committee for being nominated for the Human Relations Award given annually by the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith.
2. Letter from Mrs. Norbert Klein of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Committee thank-

ing the Human Relations Committee for holding some of their meetings outside the City Hall in order to make it easier for the public to attend.

3. Letter from the Human Relations Commission, City of Dayton, Ohio explaining their Merit Employment Program.
4. Letter from the State of Colorado Civil Rights Commission regarding the 18th Annual Conference of Commissions on Human Rights, to be held June 30, 1966 to July 3, 1966 at Estes Park, Denver, Colorado.
5. Letter from United States Commission on Civil Rights requesting reports from Committee relating to race and education.

Referred to the Education Sub-Committee.

6. Letter from East Lansing Human Relations Commission restating its willingness to provide assistance in relocation of families.

Referred to Housing Sub-Committee.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The Director's report was read and placed on file. It included the various meetings he attended and the various talks he gave during the month of February, 1966. The Director also explained about the relocation map that is being set up in the Human Relations Office, by Mrs. Kay Warner.

Employment Sub-Committee

A statement was made to Mr. Haruska that there have been some instances recently in which discriminatory practices have been used in employment. Mr. Haruska asked to be informed of these instances when they appear so that he can investigate them immediately.

Housing Sub-Committee

Again, action to delay the I-496 Highway was discussed. Enough adequate housing is still not available to house all the people that will be displaced. The committee voted and approved unanimously that telegrams be sent to the Secretary of Commerce and the Under Secretary of Commerce expressing the Committees concern over the "critical" housing shortage. Father Faiver stated that 900 to 1,000 more units in the Public Housing program will be need and Gerald Lett stated that 2,000 more units will be needed. A letter is to be sent to the Mayor, City Council and the Housing Commission requesting them to seek a larger number of low-cost housing units, and if this additional amount cannot be met, to explain why.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

No Report.

**Research and Public Relations
Sub-Committee**

Mrs. Goodman commented on last months meeting held at the Lansing Church of

God and Christ which proved to be very enlightening and successful in as much as it allowed the aggrieved people to express their plight to a city agency. The next meeting will be held at the Cristo-Rey Church.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

M/C

Motion by Mr. Tietz supported by Mr. Russell that the Board recommend to the City Council that the 12 in. sewer in Miller Road built by Raff & Dexter in 1965, be not accepted and that the entire sewer be replaced as soon as conditions permit.

Carried.

Motion by Mr. Mosher supported by Mr. Tietz that the Board submit to the City Council a list of properties and legal de-

scriptions, of land necessary to be acquired for the Aurelius Road Extension.

Carried.

Mr. Backus reported on the various activities and projects of the department.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. WADELICH,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, April 14, 1966

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hugo Lundberg at 7:40 P.M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. David Darling.

ROLL CALL

Present: Darling, Dunnings, Lundberg, Goodman, Haruska, Faiver, Davenport—7.

Absent: Cutler, Frankel, Gannon, Lett—4.

Visitors: Representatives from the League of Women Voters, Housing Commission, Neighbor to Neighbor Committee, State Highway Department, Urban League, Mr. Hamrick of the Hamrick Realty, Rev. Gill of the Ministerial Association, and Mr. Thomas Canady of Cristo Rey Community Relations.

PETITIONS

There were 6 complaints—1 follow-up on a written complaint and 5 informal complaints all of which have been investigated.

WRITTEN COMPLAINTS

1—Follow-up on a complaint regarding discriminatory practices in Real Estate.

INFORMAL COMPLAINTS

2—Complaints regarding discriminatory renting.

3—Complaints regarding rental evictions.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A letter was received from the Greater Lansing Coordinating Council for Human Rights asking the Lansing Human Relations Committee if they would pick up where the Coordinating Council left off in publishing a monthly Human Relations Newsletter of local group activities.
2. Letter from the Human Rights Commission of San Francisco on receiving information on an ordinance requiring nondiscriminatory provisions in city contracts. The office has this information and it will be sent to them by the Director.
3. Letter received from J. Lee Hamrick regarding the methods he is employing to inform his tenants in carrying out their obligations.
4. Letter from Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan and Mrs. Marvin Tomber of the League of Women Voters regarding the housing situations:

"The League of Women Voters is an organization of women who promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. It is non-partisan, taking action on issues, not on candidates. The local issues on which the 220 members of the Lansing Area League have taken a stand are housing, water resources and schools.

On housing, the League favors equality in housing, recognizes the need for addi-

tional housing, especially in the low rental field and favors action at the earliest possible time.

League members agreed on this policy after studying the housing situation in Lansing and issuing a report in October, 1964. We are now working on a second report that will summarize what has been done since then and outline the present housing problems in the metropolitan area.

At this time, our greatest concern is for the low-income families for whom there is no housing. These are made up of three groups,—those being forced to move by private and public developments, those now being brought in by industry to meet labor shortages and those now in sub-standard units. The City of Lansing faces a crisis. Decisions made now will determine whether our community is to have more slum housing or less. Unless the City acts as rapidly as possible, these families have no choice but to double up with others, making a bad situation worse.

While the most pressing problem is to catch up with housing arrears, we also are aware that plans should continue for the provision of enough units to meet the needs of an increasing population and continuous community developments.

We suggest that all interested groups, both governmental and private combine their efforts to spread information about the rapid changes in our area, to explain housing facts and point out their implications. Without continuous and wide-spread education about the seriousness of the situation, the people will be unwilling to accept the necessary steps to provide low rental housing."

MRS. MARVIN TOMBER, President

MRS. LOLETA D. FYAN, Chairman

Sub-Committee on Housing

Human Resources Committee

5. Letter from the Civil Rights Commission announcing openings of jobs for Directors.
6. Letter received from the Michigan Civil Rights Commission asking the Director to participate in a workshop on Law Enforcement on April 26th and 27th at the Jack Tar Hotel.
7. Letter received from the U. S. Department of Commerce thanking the Director for arranging the meetings with the Committee and City and State officials to discuss the housing situation. They felt the meetings were very fruitful. The Chairman, Mr. Lundberg added that meetings of this nature would be continued every two weeks "to keep the avenues of communications open."
8. Letter received from the State of West Virginia Human Rights Commission re-

garding openings in employment for Directors.

REPORTS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was read and placed on file. It included the various meetings he attended and the various talks he gave during the month of March, 1966. Chairman Hugo Lundberg added to the Director's report that the telegrams which had been requested by the Committee in the March meeting had been sent out by the Director. The telegrams expressed the Committee's alarming concern over the housing shortage in Lansing and requested that the I-496 highway be delayed until adequate housing is available. Chairman Lundberg also read to the Committee a reply from the telegrams which were sent out. The reply stated that the housing problems in Lansing outlined in the telegrams, was given serious consideration in the Department of Commerce to the extent that their representatives were sent to Lansing to investigate the complaints.

EMPLOYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Mr. Haruska stated he had to check on a person at one of the Lansing plants. The individual had not been allowed to acquire seniority and was not given fair opportunity for advancement into an area for which he had been trained.

HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairman Stuart Dunnings gave the report that the sub-committee had met twice since the March Committee meeting. They met on one occasion to write the telegrams to the Secretary and Under Secretary of Commerce to express the Committee's concern over the housing shortage in Lansing. On another occasion they met to talk to a local real estate broker who has been accused of discriminatory selling. This case was turned over to the Civil Rights Commission some time ago. Chairman Hugo Lundberg suggested that the Committee give the Civil Rights Commission another couple of weeks to act and if they do not, the Committee then requests that this person be present at the next Committee meeting. Mr. Dunnings suggested that if the Civil Rights Commission meets in Lansing within the next three (3) weeks that Mr. Lundberg and the housing sub-committee meet with them and explain to them the importance of this issue and of what this person is doing.

The Housing Sub-committee was advised by the Human Relation Committee of the Whole to set up a meeting for Monday, April 18th, to meet with the Director and draw up a resolution to send to the Mayor

and members of the City Council requesting that the City Council give notice that in the future, no plans for developing of subdivisions or financial assistance will be approved unless assurance is given that open occupancy will be enforced.

EDUCATION AND RECREATION SUB-COMMITTEE

No report.

RESEARCH AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Mrs. Goodman, Chairman, expressed her concern about a controversial film strip shown by the police department, to a high school class, which Mrs. Goodman felt was not good police-community relations. Also referred to the sub-committee during the meeting was the possibility of publishing a monthly Human Relations Newsletter which was announced earlier in the Communications.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Lundberg gave the report of the Budget Hearing held on April 12, 1966.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

After the business reports, Chairman Lundberg opened the meeting for people in the audience to voice their opinions. This meeting was held at the Cristo Rey Church on East Main Street. There were approximately 30 visitors present.

Mr. Hamrick of the Hamrick Realty gave his report to the Committee as to the qualifications to be met by his tenants. He had earlier been alleged of unfair evictions. He explained he was just abiding by the local regulations as to the number of persons living in one dwelling.

Mrs. Ann Oliver, President of the Lansing Housing Commission explained to the Committee and others present in the audience, the object of the "Turn Key" program which the Housing Commission is investigating.

Mrs. Klein a member of the Neighbor to Neighbor committee was in the audience, and brought to the attention of the Committee an article published in one of the local news papers, which regarded discriminatory selling.

Also discussed by the Committee during open discussion was where to hold the next Committee meeting. The meetings outside the City Hall have proven very successful. Chairman Lundberg suggested the next meeting on May 12th, be held back at the Lansing Church of God in Christ on West St. Joseph Street. Mr. Haruska, Chairman of the Employment Sub-committee, said the Committee could also hold any of the monthly meetings in any of the union halls.

Rev. Gill of the Ministerial Association voiced his complaints as to the fact that all the attention in relocating people from the I-496 corridor has been directed towards families and individuals and that there has been no concern for the businesses in the corridor. This was discussed with the Committee. Rev. Gill stated he wanted to have his businesses which include a dry cleaners, barber and beauty shop all in one building and that the main drawback is the "J. Parking" rule which is included in zoning. Rev. Faiver suggested that the Director speak with Mr. Ray Guernsey, Planning Director, and discuss with him the possibility of retaining some of the zoning laws for Rev. Gill as when the businesses first started.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, May 19, 1966

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hugo Lundberg at 4:10 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Kenneth L. Faiver.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cutler, Dunnings, Goodman, Lett, Lundberg, Faiver, Davenport—7.

Absent: Darling, Frankel, Gannon, Haruska—4.

Vistors: Representative from the League of Women Voters, Mr. John Call from the Lansing Public Schools, and Mr. Louis Rome; Assistant Prosecutor.

A motion was made by Mrs. Goodman and seconded by Mrs. Davenport to accept as printed the minutes of the April 14, 1966 meeting.

PETITIONS

There were 6 petitions — 5 informal complaints and 1 written complaint, all of which have been investigated.

Written Complaint —

- 1—Complaint regarding discriminatory renting.

Informal Complaints —

- 1—Complaint of tension and protest by some students in a local high school regarding a derogatory news print entered in the school newspaper.
- 1—Complaint and request to examine an overcrowding condition in housing and a lot where junk cars, etc., had been allowed to accumulate.
- 1—Complaint from an employee of the Lansing Fire Department regarding harassment and derogatory remarks.
- 1—Complaint from a tenant living in one of the local apartment buildings regarding owners refusal to supply mail boxes.

- 1—Complaint from the Fire Marshall on examination of local apartment building in regards to over crowding, sanitation, and general supervision.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter received from the State of Kansas Commission on Civil Rights regarding a job opening for executive director.
2. Letter received from the City of Grand Rapids requesting applications for the position of Human Relations Director for the City of Grand Rapids.
3. Letter from Bishop Joseph Green expressing his regrets of having missed the cross-communication meeting on May 10, 1966.
4. Two letters received from Mr. Ben Canaday, Director of Community Development for the Cristo Rey Church. One letter explained about the personal contact the Highway Department would make to the residents of the I-496 corridor, urging the residents to use the relocation services offered by the Highway Department. The contact with the residents will be done with the aid of several ministers and was scheduled to begin around May 16th. The other letter referred to the Michigan 73rd Legislative Act No. 204 (Enrolled House Bill No. 2447) which gives local governmental units power to enforce repairs on housing code violations, placing the costs of these repairs on the owner who refuses to maintain his property.
5. Letter from the Community Services Council asking the Committee for a delegate from the Human Relations Committee for 1966.
6. Letter from the Civil Rights Commission giving the release on real estate appraisals of Michigan State Highway acquisition in the I-496 corridor in Lansing.

REPORTS

Director's Report—

The Director's report was read and placed on file. It included the various talks he

gave and the meetings he attended during the month of April, 1966.

Employment Sub-Committee—

No report.

Housing Sub-Committee—

Chairman Stuart Dunnings reported that the sub-committee had met once since last months meeting to draft a resolution to the Mayor and members of the City Council requesting that the City Council give notice that in the future no plans for developing of subdivisions or financial assistance will be approved unless assurance is given that open occupancy will be enforced. It was also requested that the sub-committee work out a resolution with the Mayor Present in meeting with the City Council on housing problems in Lansing.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee—

The report was given that the sub-committee will meet with the Lansing Board of Education on Tuesday, June 7, 1966 at 7:30 p.m. at Everett High School. All members of the Human Relations Committee are urged to attend this meeting.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee—

Mrs. Goodman explained to the Committee a brochure which will be produced by the sub-committee. The brochure will be about low-rent housing; explaining what it is, and how low-rent housing is operated, etc. The brochure will be distributed throughout the community with the aid of the Inter Faith Council.

Also discussed was the possibility of working with the East Lansing Human Relations Committee to distribute books in doctors and dentists offices for children to read. The books depict integrated situations. Mrs. Kaplan of the East Lansing Human Relations Committee requested that the Lansing Human Relations Committee work with them on this project. Mrs. Davenport of the Education and Recreation sub-committee will check into this possibility.

The subject of police-community relations was again discussed among the Committee. It was suggested that the police department should have an in-service training program. Chairman Lundberg suggested writing to the Police and Fire Board about having the in-service training program and state in the letter that it is the recommendation of the Human Relations Committee to have the training program on a local level seeing as it is already being done on the State level.

Unfinished Business—

Money was voted out to produce the low-cost housing brochure which would be distributed throughout the community.

New Business—

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, June 21, 1966

Members present: Dean Battley, Howard Lutz and Carl Moore—3.

Members absent and excused: E. J. Baker and Keith Norris—2.

Inspectors present: Donald E. Deal and Ray Dwyer—2.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Vice Chairman Moore.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

Gerald Keefer, 2509 Hazelwood Street, Lansing, Michigan applied for examination for I.M.J. license.

Permission granted by motion, to write examination and started in separate room under the supervision of Inspector Dwyer.

Motion made by Mr. Battley and seconded by Mr. Lutz that Paul H. Boutwell and James Coven (both having passing grades) be granted Class "J" license.

Motion carried.

Secretary Deal reported that 92 electrical contractors have qualified and licensed this year. This includes 61 local and 31 registrations from other localities.

Inspectors problems were discussed at length.

Examination was completed and meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD E. DEAL,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, June 9, 1966

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:05 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rabbi Philip Frankel.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cutler, Dunning, Frankel, Goodman, Lundberg, Faiver, Davenport—7.

Absent: Darling, Gannon, Haruska, Lett—4.

Visitors: None.

PETITIONS

There were 3 petitions—2 informal complaints and 1 written complaint all of which have been investigated.

Written Complaint

1. Complaint from a resident in regards to a police officer firing his gun in a residential area in an attempt to halt his assailant. Chairman Lundberg requested that a letter be written to the Police and Fire Board asking what their current policy, limitations, etc., is in pursuit of this type of problem.

Informal Complaints

1. Complaint regarding overcrowded and unsanitary conditions in a local apartment building. Referred to the Housing Sub-committee.
1. Complaint regarding a violation of subdivision restriction because of a house being moved from one lot to another.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Received a statement from a flower shop for flowers sent.
2. Received a card of appreciation for flowers sent.
3. Letter received from the American Federation of Labor concerning Equal Opportunity Commissions and giving their new address in Washington, D.C.
4. Letter received from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission explaining how the Commission works pursuant to the Civil Rights Act.

REPORTS**Director's Report**

The Director's report was read and approved and placed on file. It included the various talks he gave and the various meetings he attended during the month of May, 1966.

The Director also gave a report that an apartment owner had asked the Human Relations Committee to aid him in getting his apartment building rezoned after his request for rezoning was refused by the City Council. The Human Relations Committee requested the Director to send a letter to the apartment owner stating that there was not any evidence of discrimination involved in this matter and the Human Relations Committee suggests that he renew his request with the Zoning Board of Appeal, since he has met their recommendations.

Employment Sub-Committee

No report.

Housing Sub-Committee

Chairman Dunnings gave the report that the request sent by the Housing sub-committee to the City Council asking to meet with them on the housing problems in Lansing had been accepted. The Human Relations Committee of the Whole met with the City Council on May 31, 1966 and at that time the Committee presented to the City Council a resolution which stated in part that "The City Council give notice that in the future no plans for developing of subdivisions be approved or financial assistance in any form be approved unless assurance is given that open occupancy will be enforced."

Chairman Lundberg stated that the next cross-communication meeting with the City and State Officials would be held June 21, 1966 and would be the last meeting before the July 1st deadline set by the State Highway Department for the first phase of evacuation—Clare Street to River Street.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

No report.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

Mrs. Goodman showed the Committee a sample of the low-rent housing brochure which was approved and should be published and distributed throughout the community very soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, July 14, 1966

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:15 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dwight Large.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cutler, Dunnings, Gannon, Large, Lundberg, Faiver, Davenport—7.

Absent: Darling, Frankel, Haruska, Lett—4.

Visitors: Mr. Dick Elbert from Community Renewal, Mrs. Joan Zajac from the League of Women Voters, and Miss Sherrie Marten from Cristo Rey Church.

Minutes of the June 9, 1966 meeting were approved as printed, and seconded by Stuart Dunnings.

Petitions: There were 5 informal complaints all of which have been investigated.

Informal Complaints

- 1—A complaint registered by the driver of a car which was damaged by an instrument being thrown at it by some teenagers.
- 1—A request to attend a meeting at which civic center employees aired their grievances on discriminatory work procedures.
- 1—A request by a member from an agency and later by the highway department to investigate tension developing in a relocation area.
- 1—Complaint from the building inspector and an order from the fire marshall to vacate the premises of an apartment building because of code and fire violation.
- 1—This office is still being challenged as to the disposition of complaints of a police officer shooting his gun in a residential neighborhood and an inmate who died in the jails while in police custody. These cases were referred to the committee to sit down with the Police and Fire Board.

Communications

1. A letter was sent from the committee to a builder who had requested aid from the committee in getting his apartment building rezoned after his request for rezoning was refused by the City Council. The letter stated that there was not any evidence of discrimination involved in this matter and the Human Relations Committee suggests that he renew his request with the Zoning Board of Appeal, since he had met their recommendations.
2. A letter was sent to the Police and Fire Board from the committee in regards to a previous complaint in which a police officer fired his gun in a residential area in attempt to halt his assailant. The letter in part asked the Police and Fire Board what their current policy, limitations, etc., are in pursuit of this type of problem.
3. Received a copy of "The Message of Analysis from the State Capitols" in which it told about the resolution which the Lansing Human Relations Committee sent to the Mayor and the City Council requesting them to establish a resolution on open occupancy policy in regards to developers of subdivisions.
4. Received a copy of the letter sent to the Civil Rights Commission from the NAACP regarding discriminatory practices being used in a State institution. Rev. Faiver made a motion to send a letter to the Superintendent of Public Instruction asking him to correct the practices.
5. Letter was received from the Gary Human Relations Commission in regards to a talk by their Director which was given before the Board of Realtors.
6. Letter from the Civil Rights Commission pertaining to the State Trooper examination emphasizing the fact that they are seeking candidates from minority groups.
7. Material and petitions received from Josephine Wharton regarding the Civil Rights Housing Bill now being supported in Congress by Senator Hart.

8. Letter of appreciation from a private citizen to the Director who with the Public Service Department had assisted in his immediate relocation.

Reports

The Director's report was read, approved, and placed on file. It included the various talks he gave and the meetings he attended during the month of June, 1966.

Also added to the report the Director told of various instances in which his aid was requested.

1. Complaint of a tenant in a local apartment building pushing narcotics. Complaint was referred to the Police Department.
2. Referred a lady to a job. One week later the woman calls that she must quit the job because she is unable to get a baby sitter.
3. Several pieces of property at the corner of W. St. Joseph and Pine Streets to be purchased by an oil company which will displace some 30 families living in four buildings.
4. A family (living in I-496 W. corridor—Highway owned house) requested assistance when the highway refused to repair sewer trouble. Family was relocated into a house in the East corridor.
5. A woman renter being locked out of her room for failure to pay rent. Contact with landlord and arranged for compromise.
6. Local barber in I-496 being forced to move and needs immediate rezoning of property in order to relocate.

Employment Sub-Committee

No report.

Housing Sub-Committee

Rev. Faiver read a complaint to the committee which had been filed with him regarding a person being discriminated against when attempting to rent an apartment. Mr. Dunning moved that the Director contact the landlords of this apartment and arrange for them to meet with the Housing Sub-Committee to talk the matter over. Seconded by Mrs. Davenport.

Chairman Lundberg gave a report to the committee that The National Association of Real Estate Boards have been sending out materials that opposes the Civil Rights Act in regards to the Fair Housing laws. He requested that a letter be sent from the committee to the Lansing Board of Realtors condemning this kind of material and asking for their timely consideration and to abstain from producing this advertisement for public consumption.

The Director showed the committee a sample of the low-rent housing brochure which has been printed and will be distributed throughout the community very soon.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

Mrs. Davenport said that she had contacted a Doctor who seems very interested in obtaining the children's books for his office. There are six different books which depict integrated situations between children. The Lansing Human Relations Committee is working with the East Lansing Human Relations Committee in obtaining and distributing the books to various offices.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Unanimous ballot was passed in favor of re-electing Mr. Lundberg as Human Relations Committee Chairman for the new term and a unanimous ballot was passed for electing Rev. Faiver as vice-chairman for the new term.

Next meeting for the committee is to be held August 4, 1966.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, August 4, 1966

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:05 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rabbi Philip Frankel.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cutler, Dunnings, Frankel, Gannon, Haruska, Lett, Lundberg, Faiver—8.

Absent: Darling, Large, Davenport—3.

Visitors: Mr. Dave Machtel and Mr. Dick Elbert from Community Renewal, and Rev. Manker Harris from the Lansing Area Council of Churches.

Minutes of the July 14, 1966 meeting were read and approved as printed.

PETITIONS

There were 7 petitions: 2 written complaints and 5 informal complaints; 6 of which have been investigated and satisfactory compliance was initiated. One complaint is still to be investigated.

Written Complaints

- 2—Complaints requesting investigation of alleged discrimination when denied the rental of an apartment. The complainant had been informed by telephone that the apartment was available.

Informal Complaints

- 1—A complaint requesting service in examining tension fermenting in a neighborhood. The landlord and families requested this office to arbitrate a meeting.
- 1—Several calls received regarding the neighbors harassment when a home owner attempted to rent an apartment to a Negro couple.
- 1—Complaint against a Real Estate agent soliciting houses with block busting tactics.

- 1—Complaint of being turned down by FHA for a home approval in a subdivision.

- 1—Complaint from an adult member of the Council of Churches concerning 2 teen boys who were given jay walking tickets after leaving program, "The Cave."

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A letter was sent to Dr. Ira Polley, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, regarding discriminatory practice at Michigan School For The Blind.
2. The Director read the letter received from Dr. Polley, which stated that the discriminatory practice at the school had been discontinued.
3. Letter was sent to the Lansing Board of Realtors concerning advertisement opposing the House Bill HR-14765.
4. Letter from Columbus, Ohio requesting information on the progress of the Lansing Human Relations Committee. It was moved that the Director send the necessary information to them.
5. An Editorial copy was received from WLS commending the action of the Human Relations Committee in promoting better Human Relations in all walks of life, particularly in the housing area.
6. Letter from the National Committee on Discrimination giving information of the housing patterns throughout the State.
7. Letter received from the Michigan Migrant Opportunity Office requesting a sponsor from the Human Relations Committee. They will hold a meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 1966 at the Y.W.C.A. for all who are interested in attending.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The Director's report was read, approved and placed on file. It included the various

talks he gave and the meetings he attended during the month of July, 1966.

Employment Sub-Committee

No report.

Housing Sub-Committee

No report.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

Mrs. Davenport, chairman of the sub-committee was not present at the meeting. Chairman Lundberg read a letter from Mrs. Davenport stating that she has talked to several doctors who are interested in obtaining for their offices, the six different children's books which depict integrated situations. Other books for the hospitals are obtained through the Public Library Extension Service. Mrs. Davenport proposed that the Committee donate these books to the Public Library so that not only the children in the hospitals, but all the children of Lansing may have the opportunity to read the books. It may also inspire the libraries to order more books of this type.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Due to the fact that the Director will be going on vacation in August, all complaints received into the office during that time will be referred to Chairman Lundberg who in turn will refer them to a sub-committee for investigation.

Chairman Lundberg read the 1966-67 nominations for the Sub-Committees which were as follows:

Employment Sub-Committee

Gerald W. Lett, Chairman
Harold Cutler
John Haruska

Housing Sub-Committee

Stuart J. Dunnings, Jr., Chairman
Rev. Kenneth L. Faiver

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

Mrs. Bernice Davenport, Chairman
Phillip J. Gannon
Rev. C. David Darling

Research and Public Relation Sub-Committee

Rev. Dwight Large, Chairman
Rabbi Philip Frankel

A discussion was held on the reply from the Police and Fire Board Personnel Committee in regards to the policies in the use of firearms and force. It was felt that these policies were not very clearly defined.

Stuart Dunnings—Questioned what is going to be done about the incident where a police officer fired his gun in a residential area in an attempt to halt his assailant?

John Haruska—Stated that we are entitled to know what the policies are in situations where shooting is done by the Police. Also concerned about the police acting on their own in different situations such as occurred during the recent City Hall employees strike, when there was a show of force by the visual display of guns and axe handles.

Rabbi Frankel moved that the incident be referred to the Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee and a meeting be arranged to discuss the policy for an officer firing his gun.

Discussed at length during the meeting was the proposal made by the Lansing Board of Education concerning the bussing of students in the Lansing Schools in order to provide better racial harmony. Stuart Dunnings made a motion that the Human Relations Committee go on record and support the Lansing Board of Education in their proposal. Seconded by Phil Gannon. John Haruska went on record as opposing this proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings of September 8, 1966

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:05 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rabbi Philip Frankel.

ROLL CALL

Present: Darling, Dunnings, Frankel, Large, Lett, Lundberg, Davenport—7.

Absent: Cutler, Gannon, Haruska, Faiver—4.

Visitors: Mr. Don Orthner of the Lansing Public Schools, Mr. Ronald Stonehouse of the Lansing Housing Commission, Mrs. Zajac from the League of Women Voters, Rev. Philip J. Johnson from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mr. William Bechtel from Community Renewal, Mr. Joel Ferguson from the Job Training Center. Also youth groups representatives: Wayne Woods, Leon Hall, Alton Hatly, Clifford Ansley, Lawrence Davis, Earl Bond, Clarence Riggs, Velva McMillan, and Joyce Richardson.

The minutes of the August 4, 1966 meeting were read and approved as printed.

PETITIONS

There were no petitions for the month of August, 1966.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter received from the Highway Department in regards to re-scheduling of the moving date in certain GAP areas.
2. Letter received from M.S.U. Department of Public Safety concerning vacancies and job opportunities for men who have had two or more years of college.
3. Letter received from the U.S. Community Relations Service regarding use of local news media in National Community Relations Advertising Campaign.
4. Letter received from the State of Connecticut Commission on Civil Rights

stating their adoption of affirmative action policy on open housing.

5. Letter received from Bishop Joseph Green, President of the Inter-Faith Council on Religion and Race, extending their assistance and service in our current situation.
6. Letter received from M.S.U. School of Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture thanking the Director for his participation in a class on Community Renewal.
7. Letter received from the Human Relations Commission, Erie, Pennsylvania in regards to the salary range of Lansing Committee employees.
8. Letter received from the Lansing Jaycees indicating their concern and assistance in working with the Community.

REPORT

Director's Report

The Director's report was read and placed on file. It included the various meetings he attended during the latter part of August and the first part of September, 1966.

It was also reported that attention is being given to an application for employment which was filed with the City. Stuart Dunnings requested that the Director follow this through and let the Committee know of the qualifications of all applicants.

A follow-up report was given to the Committee on the youth roller skating parties held at the Edru Skating Arena in Holt which was initiated by the city. A follow-up report was also given on the dances sponsored by the Recreation Department at West Junior on Saturday nights. It was reported that there has been good attendance and the decorum of the youths was very good. The adult supervision was very limited.

The Superintendent of the Michigan School For The Blind has asked the Director to meet with him to discuss a Human Relations program at the school.

The Director also gave a progress report on the incident of a local fireman being dismissed from the fire department on the grounds of police finding a firearm in a car in which he was driving.

Employment Sub-Committee

No report.

Housing Sub-Committee

Stuart Dunnings, Chairman, reported that in meeting with the Civil Rights Commission it was found that there has been no discrimination on the part of the Highway Department in relocation of families in the I-496 Corridor.

Gerald Lett questioned Ron Stonehouse of the Lansing Housing Commission as to what progress is being made in the field of Leased Housing. Mr. Stone—reported that the City now has 22 homes that they are sub-leasing to tenants with hopes of having more homes in the future.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

No report.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

The meeting was opened to discuss the grievances of youth from the troubled area.

The discussion included the trouble the youths have had in finding employment and the inability to communicate with supervisors, and also the lack of recreational facilities in and around the Lansing area.

In regards to the employment, Stuart Dunnings stated that the Committee should look into the hiring practices of the large corporations in Lansing. Gerald Lett, chairman of the sub-committee on employment, recommended that the questionnaires which were sent to some employers in 1964 be revised and redistributed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, October 13, 1966

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:10 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dwight Large.

ROLL CALL

Present: Frankel, Large, Haruska, Lett, Lundberg, Kelley—6.

Absent: Cutler, Darling, Dunning, Gannon, Falver, Davenport—6.

Visitors: Mrs. Dorothy Young—Community Representative with the Economic Opportunity Committee, Mr. Stuart Evans—Community School Coordinator with the Lansing Board of Education, and Mrs. Delores Cook—a volunteer working on the I-496 East Corridor survey sheets in the Human Relations Office.

The minutes of the September 8, 1966 meeting were not read and approved due to the lack of a quorum.

Petitions: There were two (2) informal complaints for the month of September, 1966.

1—Housing complaint. Two families living in a single apartment dwelling.

1—Civic Center employees asked the director to examine complaint against management in failure to recognize previous agreement on work procedures. (Minutes of July 14, 1966).

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter received from the Greater Lansing Labor Council with an enclosed copy of the letter sent to the Board of Education on their position against school bussing.
2. Letter from Waterloo, Iowa Commission on Human Rights in regards to their first executive director.
3. Letter from Cincinnati Human Relations Commission regarding a position vacancy.
4. Letter from University of Michigan Law School offering services of student legal research assistance.

5. Letter from the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials regarding special session for local Public Agencies proceed conference November 15-17 in Los Angeles, California.

6. Letter from the State Capitals publication on state trends of community development.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The Director's report was read and placed on file. It included the various talks he gave and the meetings he attended during the month of September, 1966.

The Director explained to the Committee, the survey which will be taken of the I-496 Highway East Corridor beginning October 24, 1966. The purpose of the survey will be to learn if the residents of the corridor need help in relocating and what their housing needs are. The survey will be conducted by approximately 50 Michigan State University volunteer students from the United Campus Christian Fellowship and SCOPE (Students for Community Organization through Panhellenic Effort). A temporary relocation office will be opened in the East Corridor at 801 S. Pennsylvania Avenue where a staff will be available to answer questions from any of the affected residents.

At this time the Director introduced Mrs. Delores Cook who is working as a volunteer in identifying all the people who live in the East Corridor homes. She will later help to compile the returned survey sheets.

The Director also explained to the Committee the "Hot Line." It is a committee set up by the Lansing Council of Churches and the Community Services Council. It is a service to use in future emergencies, etc. such as rioting and welfare. People will be able to contact a referral service working on a 24 hour basis.

Employment Sub-Committee

Gerald Lett gave the report that the subcommittee had met to revise the employ-

ment questionnaires to be sent to all of the local businesses inquiring as to their hiring practices. Mr. Lett mentioned that they would like to send one to the City of Lansing also.

Housing Sub-Committee

No report.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

The Education and Recreation Sub-Committee submitted to the Committee a list of goals they hope to work on this year. A few of these are as follows:

1. Use of more student teachers.
2. Investigate the status and needs for occupational education opportunities.
3. Develop pre-technical programs for community college bound students.
4. Enter interum agreements for sharing high school vocational programs on an area basis.
5. Updating of textbooks.

The Director gave a report on the children's books which the Education and Recreation sub-committee has been trying to promote. The medical society met during the month of September, and only 4 doctors placed an order for the books. The Dental Association will meet sometime in October and will notify the committee of their response.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

Rabbi Frankel reported that during the rioting in June of 1964, the Committee had

met and set up 15 recommendations aimed at curing the social and economic ills that cause this type of disturbance in a city. He suggested that the Sub-Committee meet again and go over the 15 recommendations to see if they have been met.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Dorothy Young, a visitor and an employee of the Economic Opportunity Office, gave a report in regards to the employment "nerve centers." The Economic Opportunity Office has a job preparation leader that is employed with one of the centers on the West side. The leader counsels young adults in acquiring and keeping jobs.

A discussion was held among the committee in regards to open housing. John Haruska made the statement that he was ashamed that one of the leading Lansing Realtors was spear-heading the attack and financially assisted in the defeat of Civil Rights legislation on open housing.

Chairman Lundberg, gave a report that he had attended a meeting on the St. Vincent DePaul's Society housing project which is being proposed for the South end of town. He stated that the new proposal was being well received.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, November 10, 1966

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:10 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rabbi Philip Frankel.

ROLL CALL

Present: Darling, Dunnings, Frankel, Gannon, Lundberg, Kelley, Faiver, Davenport—8.

Absent: Cutler, Large, Haruska, Lett—4.

Visitors: Miss Alberta Witherspoon from project "ENABLE" and Mrs. Dorothy Young from the Economic Opportunity Office.

The minutes of the October 13, 1966 meeting were read and approved as printed.

Petitions: There were two (2) written petitions for the month of November, 1966. Several calls for housing were received in the office and were referred to the Housing Office and the Relocation office.

1—Complaint of discrimination against a post office employee.

1—Complaint regarding a youth that was beaten up by the employees of a local store. The Committee requested further investigation of this complaint.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A letter was received from Mrs. Betty Goodman in regards to a letter sent to a local publisher about "inflammatory implications" in several articles. The Director also read the reply to the letter.
2. A letter was received from a citizen in regards to help for the disabled.
3. A letter was received from NAIRO (National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials) in regards to their 20th Annual Conference to be held November 15-18, 1966 in Los Angeles, California.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The Director's report was read and placed on file. It included the various meetings he attended and the talks he gave during the month of October, 1966.

An explanation was given by the Director on the survey of the I-496 East Corridor and the Homer-Howard area. Information gathered is to be filed at the new relocation office at 801 S. Pennsylvania Avenue.

Also discussed were the youth activities at West Jr. High School.

Mrs. Dorothy Young, visitor, explained about the Tutoring program for Mother's which the Economic Opportunity Office has set up. The program helps the Mother's in planning activities and time for studies for their children.

Employment Sub-Committee

No report.

Housing Sub-Committee

No report.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

Mrs. Davenport reported that eight of the twelve children's books which were ordered have been received. The books were available at the meeting for the committee members to look at.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

Discussed at length was the subject of youth recreation centers. Chairman Lundberg asked the question as to what is being done in regards to the proposed recreation centers. Mr. Dunnings suggested that the Committee contact the City Council stating that "Lansing has had other acts of violence recently which are once again

indicative of the need for recreation centers." The Director stated that there should be some form of recreation for youths on holidays and also keep recreation centers open in the evenings during the summer months. Chairman Lundberg will check this with Mr. Harold Moore at his next meeting with him.

On July 1, 1964, there were 13 recommendations submitted to the Human Relations Committee. The recommendations were aimed at curing the social and economic ills that breed violence in a city. Chairman Lundberg requested that the sub-committee meet again soon to see if the 13 recommendations have been met. Problems of youth unrest were referred to the Education and Recreation Subcommittee. Rev. Faiver brought up another point which was discussed—the relationship between the police and youths. Rev. Faiver stated that police officers should be out of uniform during some of the supervision

of youth activities and should mingle with the youth.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Lundberg stated that seeing as the deadline for the evacuation of the I-496 East Corridor is close, that some more cross-communication meetings between City and State Officials should be scheduled—the first meeting to be scheduled for the first week in December.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HOUSING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, November 15, 1966

The November 15th meeting of the Housing Commission was called to order by President Oliver at 1:45 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Blackall, Clapp, Oliver, Patterson—4.

Absent: Commissioner Owen—1.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Architect comparing costs of "Turnkey" and Conventional Program.

Director's Report

1. Report on Chicago Conference on Project 58-7 on November 18, 1966.
2. Discussion of Project 58-5. Agreement made on land swap with School Officials. Architect drawing site plan.
3. Report of meeting with Cristo-Rey Housing Committee.

4. Report on sites.

5. Leasing Program discussed by Accountant-Assistant. 35 units under lease. Maintenance man getting repairs caught up.

Discussion of Abbey Court. Repairs that have been completed, and those that have not been completed were discussed. No report of vandalism in section of Court Commission has taken over. Lighting in Court has not been completed—back or front.

6. Financial Statement and Personnel Policy will be ready for November 29th meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Question raised by President about owners of Urban Renewal Property (for Senior Citizen Project) and what could be done to speed matters along.

Site material submitted by Architect for project shown to Commission and discussed. Formal appraisal of property to be made.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, December 8, 1966

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:07 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Darling.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cutler, Darling, Dunnings, Frankel, Haruska, Lett, Lundberg, Kelley, Faiver, Davenport—10.

Absent: Gannon, Large—2.

Visitors: Mr. James Shutes and Mr. Al Williams from the Economic Opportunity Office and Mr. Don Holtrop from the Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

Rev. Faiver noted an error made in the minutes for the previous meeting (November 10, 1966). It had been noted that the Housing Sub-Committee had made no report, however, Rev. Faiver had reported that the City will have 100 low-cost housing units available by next fall. Chairman Lundberg ordered that the correction be made. With the correction made, the committee voted and approved the minutes be accepted.

PETITIONS

There were several calls for housing received into the office which were referred to the relocation office. The Director also gave followup reports on two previous complaints—(1) Complaint regarding a youth that was beaten up by employees of a local department store, and (2) Complaint of discrimination against a post office employee. There was one (1) informal complaint received by the office which is being investigated.

1—Complaint of discrimination in renting an apartment. Chairman Lundberg suggested that the Director interview the owner of the apartment building. If she backs up what she said to the complainant, call her in for a hearing with the housing sub-committee or turn the complaint over to the Civil Rights Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Civil Rights Commission regarding a meeting of Human Relations

agencies to be held in Detroit, Michigan on December 9, 1966 at 1:30 p.m.

2. Letter received from the Detroit Commission on Community Relations extending an invitation to our local committee to attend a banquet on December 15, 1966, in Detroit, Michigan.
3. Letter from Defense Supply Agency in Detroit, Michigan. Summer employment applications are now being accepted by the Federal Government.
4. Received a copy of a letter sent to the Mayor by an ad hoc committee composed of delegates of the Lansing Interfaith Council, Lansing Area Council of Churches, Lansing Ministerial Alliance, and the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. The letter requested that a member of the minority group be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Police and Fire Board. Rev. Darling made a motion that the committee accept and support the letter.
5. Letter received from the Detroit, Michigan P.T.A. in regards to a statewide conference in "Fiscal Reform For Quality Education."

REPORTS

Director's Report

The Director's report was read, approved and placed on file.

A report was given by the Director on his trip to California, November 15-18, 1966, to attend the 20th Annual Conference of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials.

Recreational facilities in the City were discussed by the committee after the Director gave a report on the skating at Edru Skating Rink and also a report on the milling around that is done by teenagers outside the schools after the school games. Mr. Williams, a visitor, gave a report on the operations of the Economic Opportunity Office in regards to recreational facilities. There is a printed report available at the Economic Opportunity Office which Mr. Dunnings requested be made

available to the committee. Chairman Lundberg ordered the information be given to Mrs. Davenport, Chairman of the Education and Recreation Sub-Committee, and a report on it be given at the next meeting. Also Chairman Lundberg suggested that the Director, Mrs. Davenport, and City Officials get together and discuss recreational facilities in the Lansing Area.

A report was also given by the Director on the completion of the I-496 Highway East Corridor survey. Chairman Lundberg requested that a cross-communication meeting be arranged for Tuesday, December 13, 1966 at 4:00 p.m. to include the Housing Sub-Committee, the Mayor and Other City and State Government officials.

The Director read in part to the committee, the Proclamation for "Human Relations Day," December 10, 1966, signed by Mayor Max Murningham.

Employment Sub-Committee

Mr. Gerald Lett reported that the employment survey questionnaires have been revised and will be distributed soon. Samples of the questionnaire were distributed to the committee for approval.

Housing Sub-Committee

Once again the vacant houses in the I-496 Highway East Corridor were discussed by the committee. At the present time 81 houses are vacant. Father Faiver suggested that the Human Relations Committee send communication to the Mayor and City Council requesting them to take whatever steps necessary to make the houses in the East Corridor available to displaced families in the City.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

Mrs. Davenport reported on the dance which will be held Saturday, December 10,

1966 at the Civic Center from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. She has requested that members of the Committee and workers from the Family Helper Service and the Economic Opportunity Office attend the dance to help supervise.

Also Mrs. Davenport let the committee read her written report on the skating at the Edru Skating Rink. She and the Director supervised the skating at the rink on December 7, 1966.

Eight of the twelve children's books which had been previously ordered, have been donated to the Lansing Public Library.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Rev. Faiver made a motion that the Human Relations Committee be expanded to 14 members to permit appointment of Spanish-speaking citizens of the Lansing area.

Mr. Lett requested that the Committee be expanded to 18 members. Chairman Lundberg requested that the Committee arrange to meet with the City Attorney to discuss the revision of the City Ordinance to expand the present Human Relations Committee to 18 members.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.